

Fair Entries Come From a Distance.

As Bates of Romeo, Mich., has sent an entry list of 197 articles for the county fair. They will come here from a Marshall fair and from Owosso will sent to the Jackson fair.

Fined \$50.

Lee Woodward of Rush township plead guilty to simple assault before Justice McBride in Corunna, Monday, and was fined \$50. He was arrested two weeks ago charged with assaulting Sanford Shuster with intent to do great bodily harm, but that charge was withdrawn. The men had trouble over a farm rental matter and Shuster provoked the assault.

Thirty-seventh Convention.

The thirty-seventh annual convention of the Shiawassee county Sunday school association will be held in Bancroft on Wednesday and Thursday, October 13 and 14. Addresses will be made by E. K. Mohn, secretary of the executive committee of the Michigan State Sunday School association; Fred Washburn of Benton Harbor, M. G. Van Buskirk of Somerset and others.

For Hotels Only.

The petitions for the resubmission of the local option question have been circulated in all parts of the county and will be presented to the board of supervisors at the October session. The campaign will be made chiefly by the hotel men of the county with the idea of having bars in hotels only, believing the liquor traffic could be properly controlled with only hotels having bars.

Short Change Artists.

Crooks visited various towns in Shiawassee and surrounding counties this week working the short change game, giving a \$20 bill to be changed, and after getting the change, finding the amount of their purchase in their own pocket and handing back only part of the money given in change for the bill, take the bill and depart. Warnings were sent after several towns had been visited, but the men had left the county.

INJUNCTION AGAINST WIFE.

William May Asks Protection of Courts Fearing Injury.

William May secured from Judge S. S. Miner, Tuesday, an injunction restraining his wife from doing him or their four children harm. He has also started an action for divorce, claiming his wife because of jealousy, interfered with his business, hurled dishes, threw a stove poker, tore her clothes and ran screaming into the street, injuring his business and reputation.

Parcel Post Insurance Rates.

By order of the postmaster general effective September 1st, a change will be made in the insurance rates for parcel post matter. The new schedule will provide \$5 for 3 cents; \$25 for 5 cents; \$50 for 10 cents; \$100 for a fee of twenty-five cents in addition to the regular postage in each case. Indemnity will not be allowed for loss of mail addressed to the Philippine Islands unless the loss occurs in the postal service of the United States. Only the actual value of the lost parcel will be paid in any case.

Twelve Arrests.

Twelve warrants were issued Tuesday against alleged violators of the city traffic ordinance as follows: For running without tail lights, Charles J. Shaw, Elizabeth L. Zuber, R. E. Payne, Steve Baker, F. H. Williams, Andrew Donovan, George McKenzie, John H. Evans, Herbert D. Lyon and W. C. Hagenmeister; for speeding, Charles McNamara and Leo Adams.

Leo Adams pleaded guilty to speeding when arraigned and was fined five dollars. The other cases will be taken up later.

Mer Dehar, who slashed his wife's friend, Jas. Cosgrove, with a knife when he found them together at the Ann Arbor depot in a short time ago, was bound before Justice Nichols in Corunna.

Letters at the Owosso post office week ending Aug. 21, 1915: Brooks, Mgr. Baow (Theology), Mrs. Ida Eddington, Jackson, Leroy Johnstone, Mason, E. Hamilton Miller, Kyellian foreign, Stovanom foreign.

Commissioner Hanecom is pushing work along at a very pace. The two blocks on the Main and Exchange on the Exchange east of Washington and Exchange on the Exchange east of Washington.

Picnic Program.

The following program is announced for the county picnic of the Granges, Gleaners and Farmers' clubs to be held in McCurdy park, August 30:

Invocation—Rev. E. J. Cross, Corunna.

Vocal solo—Orrin Jennings.

Dialogue—Mrs. Kentfield and Mrs. Sutton.

Address—“The Last Legislature,” John Y. Martin, Corunna.

Address—Clarence E. Holmes, superintendent Michigan School for the Blind, Lansing.

Vocal solo—R. N. Gibson.

Ball game between Venice and Maple River teams.

SPOILED HIS JUDGMENT.

Drinks at Wedding Made Farm Look Like Fortune.

Kasker Meticks, through Terry & Parsons of Durand, has begun injunction proceedings to prevent Rudolph Teichman from ejecting him from a farm which he bought a year ago, and on which he has not kept up the payments. Meticks claims he had attended a wedding and drank much wine and was over-induced before becoming sober to purchase some Vernon township land which he found afterwards was of very little value, some not being good even for pasture. He agreed to pay \$3,000 and now asks that the value be fixed by the court.

Coleman Released.

Sheriff B. S. Griffin having withdrawn the complaint on advice of Prosecuting Attorney S. Q. Polver, Justice G. F. Friegel on Friday dismissed Charles E. Coleman held on a charge of murder in connection with the death of William Potter who was found dead in bed several weeks ago at his home. Coleman was wanted as a witness and disappeared, which, with testimony of his intimacy with the dead man's wife, caused his being arrested charged with murder. No one believed him guilty after hearing his testimony, but as it was feared some one had a hand in giving Potter poison it was hoped Coleman might be able to help show up the guilty party.

Second Annual Reunion.

The second annual family reunion of the Chalker family was held at McCurdy park Wednesday. One hundred members of the family responded to the invitation extended and a very pleasant day was spent by all. A bountiful dinner was served in the casino, after which a program, consisting of recitations and music was given and dancing was indulged in by all who cared for this pleasure. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President—Clement Chalker.
Secretary—Margaret Chalker.
Treasurer—Maird Rippenberry.

Guests were present from Detroit, Durand, Bancroft, Owosso, Swartz Creek, Chesaning, Henderson and Corunna.

The next annual reunion of this family will be held at McCurdy park the last Wednesday in August, 1916 and Mr. and Mrs. C. Chalker will be host and hostess on this occasion.

New Graft Game.

A man and woman dropped into a small town and put up at the best hotel. The next morning they secured a rig each, and started over the country asking the farmer folks for a chicken for an orphan's home in St. Louis. After two days begging they sold the chickens to a local produce man for \$30 and left town. Their lot included several cash donations.

A variation of the scheme is for a man wearing some sort of badge, to call on the farmers under the name of the Department of Health and demand to see his poultry. After examination, he condemns twenty or thirty hens and tells the farmer they will have to be killed because they are diseased. He very kindly offers to take the chickens and do the killing himself. If the farmer consents, the man takes the chickens to the nearest commission merchant and sells them. The scheme is being worked all over the country. If a man or woman calls on you with a demand that looks suspicious, call up your local authorities and ask by what right they are asking to inspect your stock or poultry. When you get the answer, turn them over to the police.—Hastings Banner.

Sunday afternoon the General Motor Truck company's base ball team of Pontiac, will meet the American Malles team at D. & C. park. The visiting team is a strong one, and as this will be the last game of the season, both aggregations will put up a hard fight. The Pontiac team will make the trip by automobile, accompanied by about 75 fans.

Drain Contests.

Two drain contests are under way in the probate court. Both of the proposed jobs are in Burns township, and Judge Bush has appointed commissioners to determine the necessity of the improvements.

Several farmers have objected to the widening and extending of the Richardson and Redson drain. The court has appointed B. H. Kingsbury of Venice, D. D. Curtis of Fairfield township, and Louis Heath of Bancroft, as special commissioners. They will meet at the home of David Chaffee in Burns township, Wednesday, Sept. 1.

The hearing on the Shelp drain has been set for Sept. 2. It will be held at the home of N. H. Lewis in Burns township. The commissioners appointed to consider the question are Floyd Derham of Durand, Leslie Clark of Perry, and Lee Head of Fairfield.

A contest was started Monday over the proposed North State drain in Rush township. Judge Bush has appointed three commissioners to hear evidence and assess damages. The commissioners are Elmer D. Colby, Moses W. West and Oren Hutchings. They will meet at Henderson, Aug. 30, and go over the proposed drain. B. A. Fillinger, John Telfer and E. Bunting are some of the residents who are objecting to the drain.

Death of Mrs. George Monroe.

Mrs. Florence Viola, wife of Geo. Monroe, died early Tuesday morning at her home, John street, after an illness of several years with a complication of diseases. Her condition had been serious for the past year and during that time she knew that she could not recover. However, she faced the inevitable with a fortitude that was comforting to her family, and which was characteristic of her. She made all her funeral arrangements. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, at the home, with burial in Alton cemetery.

Florence Viola Olcott was born in New York state in 1847 but had been a resident of Owosso for forty years. While not a member of any church, she was a true Christian woman and her memory will be cherished by many friends. Her interests were all in her home and she devoted all of her time to her family.

Surviving Mrs. Monroe are her husband and one son Harry Monroe, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. A. E. Johnson of Lansing; Mrs. Eugene Botsford of Perry; Mrs. George Brandt of Los Angeles, Calif.; and H. C. Olcott of Owosso.

Injunction Prevents Sale.

Litigation over the Family theatre in Owosso has reached the circuit court. Arthur Black and Milo Rickle Friday afternoon obtained a temporary injunction restraining M. W. Maurer and Harry J. Monroe from selling the play house on a mortgage, Monday. Black and Rickle allege that the former owners have not lived up to their contracts.

The temporary injunction was granted by W. J. Parker, circuit court commissioner, Friday. Messrs. Black and Rickle purchased the theatre Dec. 1, 1914, for \$3,200. They paid \$1,500 cash and \$1,000 more seven days later. The balance was to be paid in installments of \$50 a month. It is further stated in the bill that the agreement was that if the new owners did not clear \$300 net a month the price was to be reduced to \$3,000. They also declare that Maurer and Monroe agreed that if they were not satisfied that Mr. Maurer would act as selling agent, and that the \$750 need not be paid until another sale was made.

The court is asked to make the injunction permanent and to place the theatre in the hands of a receiver until the matter can be settled on its merits. At present it is being charged that Maurer and Monroe have taken charge of the theatre without warrant of law.

Neil R. Walsh of Owosso, and A. E. Richards of Corunna, are attorneys for the plaintiff.

Sutton Family Reunion.

The fourth annual Sutton family reunion was held Wednesday, Aug. 25 at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Durham, of Corunna, instead of at McCurdy park as planned, on account of the cool weather. At noon 35 sat down to a bountiful dinner after which business was attended to. The following officers were elected: President, D. E. Sutton of Caledonia; vice president, Frank Sutton of Bancroft; secretary, Miss Daisy Sutton of Owosso; treasurer, Lester Sutton of Kerby.

An interesting program was carried out and all voted the meeting one of the most enjoyable yet held. Among those from away were Mr. and Mrs. John McElravy and family of Morrice; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Olmstead and family and Mr. Scribner of Bancroft.

WORDS OF COMMENDATION

For Pastor-Elect of the First Congregational Church—Mansfield People Regret His Leaving.

The Mansfield, Ohio, News of recent date pays high tribute to the ability, activities and accomplishments of Rev. B. G. Mattson, who will come to Owosso to enter on the pastorate of the Congregational church on September 5th. The News says:

At the conclusion of the Sunday morning service at the First Congregational church those in attendance were surprised by the reading of a communication by the Rev. Bernard G. Mattson,



REV. B. G. MATTSO.

pastor of the church, in which he announced that he had received a call to the pastorate of the First Congregational church of Owosso, Mich., which he had decided to accept. To this end he presented his resignation as pastor of the Mansfield church, with the request that it take effect Aug. 31.

A business meeting was held immediately after the service and the communication was referred to the deacons and trustees for further action.

The resignation as presented by Dr. Mattson is final, the call to Owosso being unanimous and urgent and there being a pressing need for the new work to begin Sept. 1, so that he has asked the church here to take as early action as is convenient.

In presenting his resignation Dr. Mattson expressed his deep regret that the change should occur at a time so near the opening of the evangelistic campaign, in the preparations for which he has been deeply interested, and assured his people of his hearty co-operation up to the last minute in helping them to prepare for their share in the work. The decision of Dr. Mattson to accept the present call is the culmination of a purpose which he determined some months ago and before the proposal of the evangelistic campaign. Looking forward to the completion of nine years of service in Mansfield he came to the matured decision of an early termination of his work here and the undertaking of a new task.

The pastorate of Dr. Mattson with the First Congregational church of Mansfield began May 20, 1906, he having come here from a seven years pastorate in the First Congregational church of Yankton, S. D., a church which is closely affiliated with Yankton college, to which he was called back two years ago to deliver the commencement address, at which time he received the degree of doctor of divinity.

During the nine years of his pastorate here the Mansfield church has sustained a high record in its benevolences and there has been a steady advancement in its activities in all philanthropic and social service interests under his leadership. He has also at all times taken a lively interest in the varied humane and philanthropic enterprises of the city and has given freely of his time along a number of lines of effort in such behalf.

Modern methods of religious education and missionary work have been fostered in church and Sunday school and more than two hundred members have been received into the church during his pastorate. In intellectual outlook Dr. Mattson has frankly but tactfully and constructively stood for the best progressive scholarship in the religious thinking of the present day, at the same time maintaining a warmly evangelical interest and spirit.

The city of Owosso, to which Dr. Mattson has been called, has a population of about 12,000 and is located in central Michigan about midway between Detroit and Grand Rapids. The

church at Owosso has a membership of 615, which is slightly larger than the membership of the Mansfield church, and there is presented an attractive opportunity for leadership along all lines of modern church activity. The Owosso church is excellently equipped and holds high place in the community. Mansfield people in general will learn with genuine regret of the intended departure of Dr. Mattson and his family from Mansfield as during his nine years of residence here he has won the esteem and high regard of a great many Mansfield people aside from those of his own congregation.

A Recommendation by the Governor. To the People of the State of Michigan: Greeting:

The last Legislature appropriated one hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of stamping out Tuberculosis in Michigan. Michigan is making wonderful progress in the matter of conserving human life. Few states have been more successful than Michigan, Michigan is to conduct a campaign against Tuberculosis that will command the attention and admiration of the whole of the United States.

I, Woodbridge N. Ferris, Governor of Michigan, most earnestly urge physicians, health officers, nurses, teachers, clergymen, mayors, village and state officials to attend the next meeting of the Michigan Anti-Tuberculosis Association to be held at the Hotel Panslind, Grand Rapids, on Thursday and Friday, September second and third, for the purpose of arousing Michigan to a full realization of the importance of banishing the white plague from our State.

WOODBRIDGE N. FERRIS, Governor.

Getting His Property.

Joseph Pugsley, an aged resident of Shiawassee township, has started suit in the circuit court through Attorney G. F. Friegel against Mrs. Esther Willett seeking an accounting. Mr. Pugsley says he is without relatives and that Mrs. Willett has used undue influence and obtained much of his property. The bill charges that she obtained enough money of the complainant to purchase 40 acres of the 110 acre farm owned by him. He also avers that she induced him to give her a joint deed of the remaining 70 acres.

Mrs. Willett and her husband rented the farm a few years ago, but Mr. Willett it is claimed has since left the farm. Mr. Pugsley says boarders at the farm caused him much annoyance. He asks that the court enjoin Mrs. Willett from selling any of the property in question and that her power of attorney be taken from her. He also asks for an accounting regarding produce sold on the farm.

A temporary injunction was granted by the court today restraining Mrs. Willett from disposing of any of the property involved in the case.

First Reunion of the Euler Family.

The first reunion of the Euler family was held Thursday at McCurdy park with an attendance of 159. The oldest member of the family present was 78 years old and the youngest seven weeks. The family elected the following officers: President, Otto Euler of Bancroft; secretary, Miss Molly Euler of Perry and treasurer Wm. Euler of South Lyons. A picnic dinner was served at noon. There were present guests from Durand, Detroit, Byron, Howell, South Lyons, Chicago, Ill., Bancroft, Owosso, Shafterburg, Williamston and Cohoctah.

Fatally Assaulted.

Hon. Emory T. Middleton of Genesee county, a member of the 1913 legislature, was struck over the head with a beer bottle by one of a crowd of four drunken men near his home last evening and at midnight he was declared to be dying. Mr. Middleton had been ordered by the sheriff to detain the men who had driven into a vehicle near Mt. Morris while returning to Flint from a visit to "wet" territory and in attempting to do so was assaulted with the result stated. Mr. Middleton was a former resident of Owosso.

THOUSANDS ATTEND.

Retailers Picnic Huge Success—Sports and Games Enjoyed.

Owosso and Corunna merchants, their families, clerks and friends to the number of two thousand enjoyed the picnic at McCurdy park Thursday. Practically every contest arranged for was carried out with many contestants in the sports. The ball games resulted in the morning a victory for Carl Wright's team over Harry Smith's team 7 to 5 and in the afternoon Owosso defeated Perry 7 to 4. A full list of prize winners will be given next week.

Abbie Ben Adams.

Abbie Ben Adams, may her life be spared, Awoke one night and felt a trifle scared; For on her shirt-waist box, crosslegged, A vision writing on a little slate.

Exceeding nervousness made Abbie quake, And to the vision timidly she spake, "What writest thou?" The vision looked appalled.

At her presumption, and quite coldly drawled, "The list of our best people who depart For watering-places sumptuous and smart."

"And am I in it?" asked Miss Abbie, "No,"

The scornful vision said, "You're poor, you know."

"I know," said Abbie, "I go where it's cheap."

I can't afford mountains or prices steep, But ere you leave, just jot this item down:

I never leave my cats to starve in town." The vision wrote and vanished. Next night, late,

He came again, and brought his little slate,

And showed the names of people really best,

And, lo! Miss Abbie's name led all the rest!

—Carolyn Wells in Life.

Insurance Competition Stifled—Rates Increase.

Were you one of the wise ones who canceled fire insurance policies previous to the 24th and had the same re-written for a term of three or five years before the law passed by the last legislature making rates in the state uniform went into effect? If you were not you can look forward to paying an increased rate when you get a new policy. The board rate is now the only rate at which insurance can be written in Michigan by state companies, the company and their representatives being liable to a penalty if lower rates are made to secure business. Three year policies on business places have heretofore been written at double the yearly rate, hereafter it will cost twice and a half the yearly rate: five year policies cost four instead of three times the single year premium. The increase also applies to dwelling houses, churches, factories, etc. In this connection the Greenville Independent says:

Insurance rates on residential property in the city of Greenville are in for a small raise after August 24, when the new regulations made possible by an act of the last legislature, takes effect. As usual, when the government of the state legislature takes a crack at the corporations the people generally get the worst of it. Just like former President Roosevelt's settlement of the anthracite coal strike in Pennsylvania some years ago. He settled it to the entire satisfaction of the miners and coal operators, but it has cost the consumer 50 cents a ton extra ever since this compromise between the miners and the operators was effected.

So it is regarding the railway rates and the other acts of congress affecting railroads. The tendency along the line has been to increase the cost to the public. Before combinations in making freight rates were permitted there was an open competition between the two roads in Greenville, but the railway act obliged them to fix a rate that would be exactly alike and where did they put it? At the lowest rate they had previously made? Oh, no, far from it. They agreed to fix it at the highest point ever made and so the freight rate to New York today on potatoes is the highest rate ever made, and who pays it? The farmer who raises the potatoes.

So it is going to be on insurance rates. Under the new act of the last legislature, rate cutting is prohibited and the rates of all companies that belong to the rate making board, must all be alike. Where do you suppose these rates will be fixed; at the lowest price made in competition? Not much. They are to be fixed at even higher prices than ever before made on residence property. The rate heretofore has been fixed on wooden houses at \$6.50 per thousand but after August 24 the new rate will be \$7.25 per thousand. Not very much, you may say, but seventy-five cents handed to the insurance companies on every thousand dollars written on residence property in the state of Michigan will hand to those companies, according to former Insurance Commissioner Milo D. Campbell \$2,000,000 annually.

It is reported the insurance companies are contemplating taking off two and one-half cents. If they do, then the state residents won't get stung by the last legislature for but \$1,500,000.

The Grand Trunk railroad now requires all passengers to purchase a ticket before boarding a train.